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1. SUMMARY: AT 1732 ND MEETING, FIFTH COMMITTEE RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 101, PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION. ALL SPEAKERS ENDORSED REPORTS OF SYG AND ACABQ, SUPPORTING CRITERIA PROPOSED BY SYG, ALTHOUGH A FEW RESERVATIONS WERE EXPRESSED. COMMITTEE HEARD SIX EXPLANATIONS OF PREVIOUS DAY'S VOTING ON NOTE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN RE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE UN. ITEM ON JIU REPORTS WERE DEFERRED AFTER STATEMENTS BY REPS OF INDIA, USSR, AND ARGENTINA. COMMITTEE THEN DECIDED ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF (Q) ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (A/C.5/1680) THAT APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL \$10,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 18 IN PB 76-77; AFTER WHICH EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE WERE MADE BY REPS OF ITALY, ISRAEL, US (BACKE), NORWAY, SWEDEN, AND GREECE; AND (2) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (A/C.5/1696) THAT NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED THIS YEAR. FOR PROGRAM OF WORK OF MORNING AND AFTERNOON MEETINGS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, SEE PARA 7. END SUMMARY

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2. AGENDA ITEM 101 - PUBLICAIONTS AND DOCUMENTATION (A/C.5/1670 - SYG REPORT 1 A/10299 - ACQBQ REPORT) - DISCUSSION CONTINUED, WITH STATEMENTS BY PAKISTAN, US, UK, POLAND, GREECE, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, AUSTRALIA. MOST SPEAKERS EMPHASIZED ROLE OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES IN IMPLEMENTING SYG CRITERIA. PAKISTAN OBSERVED THAT TWO-YEAR EXPERIMENT WOULD NOT WORK UNLESS SPECIAL EFFORT MADE TO ADHERE TO ACABQ VIEWS. US (NORBURY) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT PER STATE 257970. UK SUPPORTED SYG AND ACABQ WITH TWO RESERVATIONS: CRITERION 6 (SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES) MIGHT BE TOO RESTRICTIVE (E.G., LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE) AND MIGHT BETTER BE SUBSUMED UNDER CRITERION 2 WITH MONITORING BY COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES. ALSO LIMITING CERTAIN CLOSED MEETINGS TO SOUND RECORDINGS MIGHT BE INCONVENIENT. POLAND ENDORSED ACABQ REPORT AND PLEADED FOR LESS BULKY DOCUMENTATION. GREECE SAID IT IS RECEIVING TOO MANY COPIES OF EVERYTHING. BELGIUM SUPPORTED ACABQ REPORT. BULGARIA, ALTHOUGH SUPPORTING ACABQ, SAID ELIMINATION OF SUMMARY RECORDS WOULD BE HARSHIP FOR DELS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON THEM AS SOURCE. AUSTRALIA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF WRITTEN RECORDS OF MEETINGS WHERE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ARE NEGOTIATED, SINCE UNDER VIENNA CONVENTION THEY COULD BE DRAWN ON TO EXPLAIN INTENT OF PARTIES. ASKED IF UN LEGAL OFFICE HAD BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT THIS. NEVERTHELESS IT SUPPORTED SYG AND ACQBQ REPORTS.

3. NOTE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN RE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS (A/C.5/L.1240) - EXPLANATIONS OF PREVIOUS DAY'S VOTING WERE MADE BY INDIA (ABSTENTION), SPAIN (YES), TURKEY (YES), UK (YES), DAHOMEY (ABSTENTION), AND USSR (ABSTENTION). INDIA PRESSED ITS DISSATISFACTION WITH SECRETARIAT STATEMENT THAT RESPONDING TO QUESTIONNAIRE WOULD HAVE NO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. USSR SAID IT HAD ABSTAINED BECAUSE WORK ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE WOULD DISTRACT SECRETARIAT EMPLOYEES FROM MORE IMPORTANT DUTIES, AND ANYWAY ALL THE INFO WAS AVAILABLE ALREADY IN OTHER DOCUMENTS. SAID IT SHARED CONCERN OF SYG OVER DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION, AND RECALLED FOUR-POINT SOVIET PROGRAM PUT FOWARD IN 1972 TO DEAL WITH DEFICIT. UK SAID INFO IS UNCLASSIFIED

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SIMPLY NOT READILY AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE; EVEN SECRETARIAT HAS DIFFICULTY RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON BASIS OF PRESENT DOCUMENTATION. URGED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN RUBLES BE SPENT IN USSR. DAHOMEY SAID VOTE TAKEN IN HASTE AND CONFUSION. PHILIPPINES ASKED FOR INFO ABOUT STATUS OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND, SINCE IT WISHED TO ELICIT INTEREST AMONG DELS IN CONTRIBUTING TO ITS REPLENISHMENT. DUPTY CONTROLLER ZIEHL SAID WCF IS EXHAUSTED.

4. ITEM 99 - JIU REPORTS - INDIA SAID THERE SHOULD NOT BE SUCH LONG DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY COMMENTS ON JIU REPORTS AND THAT MEMBER STATES SHOULD RECEIVE JIU REPORTS MORE PROMPTLY; ALSO THAT JIU SHOULD COMBINE FUNCTIONS OF INSPECTION AND EVALUATION. USSR AND ARGENTINA SAID SYG REPORT IN A/C.5/1693 DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY EXPLAIN REASONS FOR FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT JIU RECOMMENDATIONS. USSR PROMISED TO SPEAK IN DETAIL ON JIU WHEN ITS MANDATE WILL BE CONSIDERED AT 31ST GA. ITEM WAS DEFERRED.

5. AGENDA ITEMS 68 AND 96 - ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - CHAIRMAN OF ACABQ MADE ORAL REPORT, AND COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REQUEST RAPPORTEUR TO REPORT TO GA THAT, SHOULD IT ADOPT DRAFT RES IN A/10145, AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN AMOUNT OF \$10,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 18 IN PB 76-77. ITALY, ON BEHALF OF NINE EC COUNTRIES, SAID THEY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED IF VOTE HAD BEEN TAKEN FOR REASONS EXPRESSED IN STATEMENT BY ITEM IN CONNECTION WITH RELATED DRAFT IN COMMITTEE 3. ISRAEL EXPRESSED REJECTION OF RES EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM AND SAID IT VOTED AGAINST RES IN A/10145; ALSO WONDERED ABOUT ITS EFFECT ON "DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION." US (BACHE) MADE STATEMENT PER STATE 257449 SAYING US DEL WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED HAD THERE BEEN VOTE. NORWAY AND SWEDEN SAID THEY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED, AND GREECE WOULD HAVE VOTED IN AFFIRMATIVE IN ORDER TO EXPRESS AGREEMENT WITH ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES.

6. AGENDA ITEMS 96 AND 32 - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE - CHAIRMAN ACQBQ GAVE ORAL REPORT, AND COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REQUEST RAPPORTEUR REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO GA THAT, SHOULD IT APPROVE DRAFT RES IN PARA 11 OF A/10304, NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME FOR PB 76-77, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT SYG WOULD REPORT FURTHER IN 1976 ON PROGRESS OF THIS PROGRAM.

7. PROGRAM OF WORK FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7: TWO MEETINGS. AT MORNING MEETING AGENDA INCLUDES ITEM 101 (PUBS AND DOCS), SECTION 23 (CONFERENCE SERVICES), ITEM 99 (JIU), A/C.5/1673 (ACCOMMODATIONS), AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ELECTIONS (A/C.5,1702). AFTERNOON AGENDA INCLUDES: SECTIONS 23 AND 15 (REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE), EFFECTS OF CURRENCY INSTABILITY; PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES, AND JIU WILL BE CONSIDERED IF ANTICIPATED DRAFT PROPOSALS ARE SUBMITTED. BENNETT

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